

EDITORIAL



STRONG AMBITIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

At a time when the environment has become a major concern for economic and political players and citizens, and on the eve of the COP 22 event, we are proud to announce that MEDZ has achieved ISO 14001:2004 certification for its environmental management system.

This certification is the culmination of our commitment and our effort to protect the environment, which has always been a key issue in our activities.

As a responsible economic operator it is important for us to integrate the principles of sustainable development from the design of our parks. In this sense, we systematically carry out environmental impact studies and all our industrial parks have wastewater treatment plants. In addition, some of our buildings have been designed to optimize their energy efficiency. Additionally, we implemented a solar farm to provide green energy to the plants located in Atlantic Free Zone. This pilot project may be duplicated in other industrial parks.

Beyond our projects, we have also taken steps in our head office in accordance with our environmental protection and rational resources management policy (e.g. waste sorting, power management, etc.) and have campaigned to promote ecologically responsible behavior of MEDZ's employees (limitation of paper consumption, carpooling...).

In the future, environmental aspects relating to sustainable development will be increasingly strengthened to become an essential part of MEDZ's DNA and a real measure to improve its competitiveness.

I invite you to discover our environmental achievements through this edition and look forward to seeing you in COP 22, where we will be present to give you more information about our policy and ambitions in this field!

Mr. Omar ELYAZGHI, CEO for MEDZ

KEY FIGURES

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AFZ's solar farm is the first pilot operation across Morocco

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Sewage treatment plants (8 are shared and 3 are specific to MEDZ's parks)

VISIT OUR BOOTH!

COP 22 (Marrakech)
November 7 to 18, 2016

Automotive Meetings Tangier-med
November 23 to 25, 2016

SIFEL (Agadir)
December 1 to 4, 2016.

MEDZ, A LEADER IN THE DEVELOPPEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PARKS IN MOROCCO


We design


We develop


We build


We manage


We market


14 Industrial zones (including 4 free zones)

through the whole country




4 Offshore zones


5 Tourist zones



3 questions to Ms Lamia Rhissassi, Director of Organisation & Risk for MEDZ

1) When and why did you start your environmental certification?

As a key partner with the State in the implementation of sectoral strategies, we are committed to a sustainable territorial development. Therefore we have embarked on obtaining environmental certification according to the ISO 14001 standard to support our strategy and our belief in sustainable development.

It is a voluntary initiative launched at the end of 2014 to respond more effectively to environmental challenges, today considered as new measures of competitiveness.

It is also a unifying approach. Thanks to the involvement and the strong mobilization of MEDZ's employees, we have recently obtained the certification of our environmental management system.

2) Although this is a very recent certification, what are the positive elements/benefits that you anticipate?

The environmental approach is a developmental for our company. It involves the improvement of environmental performance by adopting a proactive approach which aimed at reducing the impact of our projects on the environment, preventing pollution risks and economizing consumption particularly on energy.

The development of environmentally friendly industrial parks will allow MEDZ to minimize its ecological footprint.

With the environmental certification, we promote the development of environmental management skills and eco-responsible behavior of MEDZ's employees and providers.

From an external point of view, environmental certification enhances our commitment and effort in the field of environmental protection. It is, for our partners and our national and international clients, an additional guarantee of confidence.

3) How do you communicate your commitment to environmental issues?

Given the importance we place on sustainable development, it seemed important to start with awareness raising for MEDZ's employees and some of its service providers. The policy and the requirements of our environmental management system were therefore presented to them.

We also published on MEDZ's website our strategic commitments regarding the environmental protection. Our concern to be an environmentally responsible institution has been shared with all stakeholders.

Furthermore, a charter called "Sites with Low Environmental Damage" is communicated to everyone on the worksite. It outlines the provisions to be considered to control environmental impacts.

Given our recent certification, we have not gone into a proactive form of communication towards our customers. However, we have already planned several communication initiatives towards our stakeholders to inform them about our environmental approach (press campaign, media relations, newsletter, etc).

OUR MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS



The development of a solar farm in Atlantic Free Zone

MEDZ implemented a solar farm in Atlantic Free Zone, to provide green energy to the plants located in this industrial park. Today, it covers about 20% of AFZ's electrical energy current needs. This pilot project may be duplicated in other industrial parks.



The development of low environmental impact projects

The implementation of "clean sites" implies to establish, for each project of MEDZ, an environmental monitoring plan. It includes environmental requirements which apply to work with environmental impacts and defines contractual targets and measures to reduce them. Moreover MEDZ has also set up a charter called "Sites with Low Environmental Damage". It describes the conditions must be respected on a project to control environmental impacts.



Casanearshore Park Smart Village project

As part of the transformation of Casablanca into a "smarter" city, MedZ Sourcing, a subsidiary of MEDZ, plans to adopt an integrated smart city approach for Casanearshore Park. Through this project, this means offering the community Park (companies, employees, etc.) connected services and facilities in response to transportation, energy efficiency, management of environmental aspects and digital service issues.



The development of sewage treatment plants

MEDZ equips its projects by sewage treatment plants, which are adjusted to the types of industries in each area. The objective is to reject into the cities networks a good quality and domestic water, with a lower environmental impact. These treatment plants are either specific to the parks (currently 3) or are shared with the different local actors in the areas where the parks are located (currently 8).



The development of low energy buildings

MEDZ chose to design some buildings in line with the environmental requirements. The concept allows reducing building's energy consumption while improving comfort, reducing health risks for occupants and being economically reasonable. The Jorf Lasfar Park reception building, which is in progress, is an example of energy-efficient building.



The development of a « Knowledge Campus », which promotes the development of training in the field of renewable energy

MEDZ developed a "Knowledge Campus", at Oujda Technopole, intended to host training operators in sustainable development, tourism, offshoring and Research & Development sectors. It shelters, among others, the Training Institute in Renewable Energy Trades and Energy Efficiency, which provides training in wind power, thermal and photovoltaic solar, energy efficiency and biomass sectors.

MEDZ CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS BY OBTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION



MEDZ, leader in the planning and the development of industrial and offshore zones, has obtained **ISO 14001: 2004** certification of its environmental management system, which supports its strategy and belief in sustainable development.

Certified since 2009 **ISO 9001** for its quality management system, this double certification is a further guarantee of MEDZ's commitment to a customer-oriented approach and respectful of the environment.

In the future, MEDZ aims to increase sustainable territorial development initiatives to improve its performance in this matter, minimize its environmental impact and reduce its environmental footprint.

